

Please amend the above-identified patent application, without prejudice, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 3-11 by replacement as follows:

3. (amended) A composition according to claim 1 in which the polymer (b) has intrinsic viscosity of from 9 to 12 dl/g.

4. (amended) A composition according to claim 1 in which the polymer (b) is formed from water-soluble monomer or monomer blend comprising at least 50 wt.% anionic monomer.

5. (amended) A composition according to claim 1 in which the polymer (b) is formed from water-soluble monomer blend comprising from 60 to 80 wt.% anionic monomer and from 40 to 20 wt.% non-ionic monomer.

6. (amended) A composition according to claim 1 in which the polymer (b) is a copolymer of acrylamide with an alkali metal salt of acrylic acid.

7. (amended) A composition according to claim 1 in which the polymer (b) is present in an amount of from 2 to 5 wt.%.

8. (amended) A composition according to claim 1 in which the fertiliser (a) is present in an amount of from 20 to 60 wt.%.

9. (amended) A composition according to claim 1 which has a viscosity of not more than 4,000 cps.

10. (amended) A composition according to claim 1 which has a viscosity of from 200 to 500 cps.

11. (amended) A composition according to claim 1 in which the polymer (b) has been added to the composition in the form of a powder.

Cancel claims 12-16.

Insert new claim 17 as follows:

17. (new) A composition according to claim 9 which has a viscosity of not more than 1,000 cps.